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LEGISLATOR TO HOST PUBLIC-FORUM AT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sen. Richard Landry will host a free, public forum at Warren Easton Senior High School to discuss New Orleans' Homeless Population.

NEW ORLEANS- Cardboard box shelters, weathered clothing, and minimal hygiene are all a reality for members of New Orleans' homeless population. Sen. Richard Landry, along with other city officials, is calling on all New Orleans residents to help those in need.

On Saturday, April 6 at 5:30 p.m., Sen. Richard Landry will be hosting a public forum in the Warren Easton Senior High School gymnasium to discuss with city officials and New Orleans residents the reality of the city's homeless population. At the forum, citizens will be able to hear directly from officials the importance of caring for and lowering, the homeless population.

"Our homeless population is something that every citizen of New Orleans sees on a daily basis, and especially our tourists. We need to come together and find ways to help these individuals get back on their feet," said Mayor LaToya Cantrell.

Not only will those attending hear from city officials, but also from past and current members of the homeless population.

"I have lived that life. I have had to ask people on the streets for a few dollars just in order to buy something to eat. It's not fun, and it is certainly not easy, but it is what I had to do.

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Now, I have a job, and somewhere to live. Thanks to kind-hearted people, I was able to get off the streets. I now hope to help those in that situation do the same,” said Rodney Smith, a formerly homeless man.

Following the testimony portion of the forum, there will be an open-mic for any questions or concerns New Orleans residents may have.

Sen. Landry hopes that this forum will revitalize and encourage citizens of New Orleans to become more proactive in the homeless community.

For more information about the forum, or to donate to Sen. Richard Landry’s cause, please visit: www.ABetterLouisiana.com, or call (985) 555- 3245.

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